

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 – 27 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 28 – 39 have been added. The new claims are supported by the specification and drawings as filed. No new matter has been added. Please note that all claims currently pending and under consideration in the referenced application are shown below. Please enter these claims as amended. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 – 27 (canceled)

28. (New) A shotgun, comprising:

a shotgun having a magazine tube and a magazine tube end cap;

a grommet formed of a relatively thin, resiliently elastic material having an annular opening sized to fit around a forend of said magazine tube, the end cap retaining said grommet on said end of said magazine tube, whereby said grommet is slightly stretched to fit over said end of said magazine tube;

a sling connector coupled to the grommet, wherein the sling connector is configured to couple an end of a gun sling to the grommet; and

a gun sling having a first end coupled to said sling connector and a second end coupled to said shotgun.

29. (new) The shotgun of claim 28, wherein a thickness of the grommet allows the attachment of the magazine cap to the magazine tube with the grommet held thereinbetween.

30. (new) The shotgun of claim 28, wherein the annular opening includes radial scoring to effectively increase the annular opening diameter to about the external diameter of the magazine tube.
31. (new) The shotgun of claim 28, wherein said resiliently elastic material is comprised of at least one of rubber, reinforced rubber, neoprene, nylon, plastic, denim, leather and synthetic leather.
32. The shotgun of claim 28, wherein the sling connector comprises at least one of a metal ring and a plastic ring.
33. The shotgun according to claim 28, wherein the sling connector is attached to the grommet by a loop of the grommet material.
34. (New) A shotgun sling configured to be coupled to the forend of a magazine tube and be retained on one end by an end cap of the magazine tube, comprising:
a grommet formed of a relatively thin, resiliently elastic material having an annular opening sized to fit around the forend of the magazine tube of a shotgun and be retained by an end cap of the magazine tube;
a sling connector coupled to the grommet, wherein the sling connector is configured to couple an end of a gun sling to the grommet; and
a gun sling having a first end coupled to said sling connector and a second end configured to be coupled to the shotgun.
35. (new) The shotgun sling of claim 34, wherein a thickness of the grommet allows

the attachment of the magazine cap to the magazine tube with the grommet held thereinbetween.

36. (new) The shotgun sling of claim 34, wherein the annular opening includes radial scoring to effectively increase the annular opening diameter to about the external diameter of the magazine tube.

37. (new) The shotgun sling of claim 34, wherein said resiliently elastic material is comprised of at least one of rubber or reinforced rubber.

38. (new) The shotgun sling of claim 34, wherein the sling connector comprises at least one of a metal ring and a plastic ring.

39. (new) The shotgun sling of claim 34, wherein the sling connector is attached to the grommet by a loop of the grommet material.